

REMARKS

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's thorough review of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action. In light of the amendments submitted and the remarks that follow, the Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims of the application are in condition for immediate allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejected claim 11 under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting on the grounds that claim 11, if allowed, would improperly extend the right to exclude already granted in claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,690,509.

The Applicant has canceled claim 11 without prejudice.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to claims 12 and 13 on the grounds that they depend from a rejected base claim (claim 11), but indicated that claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant has amended claims 12 and 13 by re-writing them in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 23-26, 45-49 have been allowed.

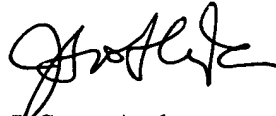
CONCLUSION

After entry of the requested amendment, claims 12-13, 23-26, 45-49 are pending in the application. All claims are now in condition for allowance.

The undersigned is available at (404) 881-7821 if the Examiner has any questions or requests that may be resolved by telephone in order to expedite the examination.

The Applicant does not believe any fees for extensions of time or net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned-for under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 16-0605.

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